

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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DIVERSION OF NATURAL GAS FROM GAUTAMI TO POWER PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has urged for diversion of Natural Gas from Gautami-NCC and spectrum Stage-II power projects to BSES (Andhra) Power;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the measures taken to allocate 0.94 million cubic metre per day of natural gas to 220 MW BSES (Andhra) as urged by the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested that BSES being the least fixed cost operating project awarded by State Government, their fallback allocation may be converted to firm and the firm allocation of some projects which have not progressed as desired be converted from firm to fallback as indicated below:-

(i) Firm allocation of 0.75 MMSCMD of Spectrum Extension (Phase-II) may be converted into fallback and correspondingly 0.75 MMSCMD of fallback allocation of BSES may be converted into firm.

(ii) Out of the firm allocation of 1.96 MMSCMD to Gautami Power Project Ltd. 0.19 MMSCMD may be converted into fallback and the same amount of BSES allocation may be made firm.

Final decision has not been taken in the matter.